

April 8, 2009

TO: Members of the Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Mayor Steve Berman, Gilbert, Chair

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF MEETING AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 N. First Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the Transportation Policy Committee is scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference, or by telephone conference call. As was discussed at the first meeting of the Committee, proxies would not be allowed. Members who are not able to attend the meeting are encouraged to submit their comments in writing, so that their view would always be a part of the process.

For those attending in person, please park in the garage under the building. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Refreshments and a light snack will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Eric Anderson, MAG Transportation Director, or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

c: MAG Regional Council
MAG Management Committee

**TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
April 15, 2009**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
<p>1. <u>Call to Order</u></p>		
<p>2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u></p>		
<p>3. <u>Call to the Audience</u></p> <p>An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Transportation Policy Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Transportation Policy Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.</p>		<p>3. Information.</p>
<p>4. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).</p>		<p>4. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.</p>

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

<p>*4A. <u>Approval of the March 18, 2009, Meeting Minutes</u></p>		<p>4A. Review and approval of the March 18, 2009, meeting minutes.</p>
<p>*4B. <u>Update to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures</u></p> <p>The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures approved by the MAG Regional</p>		<p>4B. Recommend approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved December 19, 2007, ALCP Policies and Procedures.</p>

Council on December 19, 2007, require revisions, which include refinements to policies on the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF) Closeout Process, the addition of substitute projects, and the amendment or termination of signed and effective Project Agreements. Other minor technical refinements are also included. The ALCP Working Group met on November 17, 2008 and January 9, 2009, to discuss the revisions and continued the discussion and refinement process via e-mail. On April 8, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*4C. Arterial Life Cycle Program Status Report

A Status Report on the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) is provided for the period between October 2008 and March 2009 and includes an update on ALCP Project work, the remaining FY 2009 ALCP schedule, and ALCP revenues and finances. Please refer to the enclosed material.

4C. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

5. Update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009: ADOT Portion, MAG Sub-Allocation, and MAG Region Transit Funds

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. The Act directs transportation infrastructure funds to both highways and transit agencies in states and metropolitan planning organizations. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved the necessary Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project changes for ADOT-led freeway projects and MAG regional transit projects that are programmed with ARRA funds. At the same meeting, the MAG Regional Council approved a member agency allocation for the distribution of the MAG sub-allocated portion of the ARRA funds, with four stipulations related to defining projects, technical MAG processes, and obligation deadlines. An update will be provided

5. Information and discussion.

regarding project development for the MAG sub-allocated transportation ARRA funds, the status of the highway and transit funded ARRA projects, and any new developments.

- 6. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, Including Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

The FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2007 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007, and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by Regional Council on June 25, 2008. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 TIP and FY 2009 ALCP are listed in Table A. These include changing funding amounts on two paving dirt road projects in Phoenix, changing funding type and amounts for projects related to Beardsley Road, and the deferral of design and right of way work on Northern Parkway. On March 25, 2009, the MAG Regional Council approved a member agency allocation for the distribution of the MAG sub-allocated portion of the ARRA funds with a requirement that projects are defined and submitted to MAG by April 3, 2009. On April 8, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval of the project changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- 7. Proposed Amendment to Add Stage One of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update and Inclusion of Stage Two of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an Illustrative Project

- 6. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as shown in the attached tables.

- 7. Recommend approval of a proposed amendment to add Stage One of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System (Sky Train) to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update for the necessary air quality conformity analysis, and to include Stage Two of the Phoenix Sky Harbor Automated Train System

The City of Phoenix is requesting that Stage One of the automated people mover project be added in an amendment to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update. The Phoenix Sky Train project is a fully automated, grade separated transit system that will connect the major facilities at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport with the METRO light rail system. The City of Phoenix is requesting that Stage Two be added to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an illustrative project. Stage Two is currently planned to link the remaining terminals and the Rental Car Center by 2020. Phoenix has been reviewing a federal credit program called the Transportation Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act of 1998 (TIFIA) for this portion of the project costing \$200 million. The funds would be used by Phoenix to accelerate a portion of Stage Two of the project to Terminals 2 and 3 so all passenger terminals are connected by 2013. In addition to the discretionary grant funds, the project would be financed by bonds paid by passenger facility charges – fees that airlines at Sky Harbor pay – and other airport revenues. On April 8, 2009, the Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

(Sky Train) in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update as an illustrative project.

8. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

8. Information, discussion and possible action.